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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

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**Approval of Missouri Air Quality Implementation Plans;
Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2012 Annual Fine
Particulate Matter (PM_{2.5}) National Ambient Air Quality Standard;
Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule**

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Withdrawal of direct final rule.

SUMMARY: Due to adverse comments, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is withdrawing the direct final rule for "Approval of Missouri Air Quality Implementation Plans; Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2012 Annual Fine Particulate Matter (PM_{2.5}) National Ambient Air Quality Standard" published in the **Federal Register** on October 11, 2017. Section 110 of the CAA requires that each state adopt and submit a SIP for the implementation, maintenance, and enforcement of each new or revised NAAQS promulgated by EPA. These SIPs are commonly referred to as "infrastructure" SIPs. The infrastructure requirements are designed to ensure that the structural components of each state's air quality management program are adequate to meet the state's responsibilities under the CAA.

DATES: The direct final rule published at 82 FR 47147 on October 11, 2017 is withdrawn effective **[insert date of publication in the Federal Register]**.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Due to adverse comments, EPA is withdrawing the direct final rule to approve the states "infrastructure" SIP revision for the 2012 PM_{2.5} NAAQS. In the direct final rule published on October 11, 2017, (82 FR 47147), EPA stated that if it received adverse comment by November 13, 2017, the rule would be withdrawn and not take effect. The direct final rule was an approval of a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision from the State of Missouri for the 2012 PM_{2.5} National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS). The direct final approval action also included the approval of Missouri State Statute section 105.483(5) RSMo 2014, and Missouri State Statute section 105.485 RSMo 2014 into the SIP. These two statutes address aspects of the infrastructure requirements relating to conflicts of interest as found in section 128 of the CAA. EPA received adverse comments. EPA will address the comments in a subsequent

final action based upon the proposed action also published on October 11, 2017, at 82 FR 47169. EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control,
Incorporation by reference, Intergovernmental relations,
Nitrogen dioxide, Particulate Matter, Reporting and
recordkeeping requirements, Sulfur Dioxides.

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Accordingly, the amendments to 40 CFR 52.1320 published on October 11, 2017 (82 FR 47147) are withdrawn effective **[insert date of publication in the Federal Register]**.